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SUBJECT:NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSION OF WALVIS BAY  
ISSUE

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1. OTHER MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP APPARENTLY HAVE  
MISUNDERSTOOD OUR PROPOSAL REGARDING WALVIS BAY ASSURANCES  
AS FAR AS TIMING IS CONCERNED. WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND  
IS AN INFORMAL APPROACH BY CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES  
TO SWAPO, REFERRING TO NUJOMA CONVERSATION WITH ANDY  
YOUNG IN LUSAKA ON MARCH 24 AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT SWAPO  
STATEMENTS STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF WALVIS BAY ISSUE.

2. AT APRIL 4 MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ADVISED THAT BONN SUPPORTED US APPROACH TO WALVIS BAY ISSUE AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN US IN ASSURANCES TO SWAPO. GENSCHER ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION WOULD BE LESS NEGATIVE IF CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS MADE SEPARATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS EXPRESSING THEIR COMMON POSITION ON WALVIS BAY RATHER THAN ONE COLLECTIVE STATEMENT, AND SECRETARY AGREED. ON QUESTION OF HANDLING SOUTH AFRICA, GENSCHER AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT CONTACT GROUP SHOULD REACH AGREEMENT ON A VERY URGENT BASIS ON APPROACH TO SAG IN ORDER TO SOUND OUT SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION.

3. AT APRIL 5 CONTACT GROUP MEETING, MISSION SHOULD ADVISE OTHER MEMBERS THAT:

A) WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY OTHERS ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT NEWS OF WHAT THE US HAS TOLD THE FRONT-LINE STATES REGARDING THE ASSURANCES WHICH THE US WOULD GIVE SWAPO REGARDING WALVIS BAY WILL BE LEAKED AND BECOME KNOWN TO SOUTH AFRICA;

B) WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT NEGATIVE FALL-OUT FROM SOUTH AFRICA'S PICKING UP THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP TO ADVISE THE SAG HOW WE PLAN TO HANDLE THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE;

C) THIS WOULD INVOLVE REACHING AGREEMENT, HOPEFULLY TODAY, AMONG OURSELVES ON SOUNDING OUT SOUTH AFRICA AND THEN APPROACHING SWAPO;

D) AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH THE FIVE MIGHT MAKE ON WALVIS BAY, PERHA,S IN THE CONTEXT OF A SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION, WE BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS EXPRESSING SAME COMMON ELEMENTS WOULD BE LESS OFFENSIVE TO THE SAG.

4. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF US-FRG EFFORT TO PREJUDGE OUTCOME OF THIS DISCUSSION, MISSION SHOULD COORDINATE WITH GERMANS PRIOR TO MEETING IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GENSCHER.

5. FOR LONDON, PARIS AND OTTAWA: YOU SHOULD ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF HOW US BELIEVES CONTACT GROUP SHOULD HANDLE WALVIS BAY ISSUE AND REQUEST THAT THEIR UN MISSIONS BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT THIS APPROACH. VANCE

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